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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CELL GROWTH INHIBITING FILM,  
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT AND DIGESTIVE  
SYSTEM STENT

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**AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.